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Education

2009–2012 **Ph.D., ETH Zurich, Institute for Atmospheric and Climate Science**

- Ph.D. in Atmospheric Sciences
- Thesis title: *Multiscale aspects of cloud-resolving simulations of moist summer convection over complex terrain* [pdf]
- Adviser: Prof. Christoph Schär
- Collaboration with: Federal Office of Meteorology and Climatology MeteoSwiss, Center for Climate Systems Modeling (C2SM)

2003–2008 **M.S., University of Innsbruck, Institute of Meteorology and Geophysics**

- Mag.rer.nat. (M.S.) in Meteorology and Geophysics (with distinction)
- Thesis title: *Cloud-resolving simulations of the August 2005 Alpine flood - The sensitivity to microphysics parameterizations* [pdf]
- Adviser: Prof. Alexander Gohm

Research experience

01/2013 - present **Postdoctoral research**, *Earth Science Division*
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley
Advisor: Prof. David M. Romps

- Developed novel framework to track water molecules in Eulerian simulations
- Delivered new detailed insights into the water cycle of clouds and the origin of rain
- The new framework has high potential to assist in developing theories for cloud physical processes
- Ongoing projects address cold pools and moisture transport of tropical convection

06/2012 - 12/2012 **Postdoctoral research**, *Institute for Atmospheric and Climate Science*
ETH Zurich
Advisor: Prof. Christoph Schär

- Studied convective precipitation and valley winds in the European Alps with numerical simulations
- Demonstrated that stronger mass-convergence during the morning not necessarily implies stronger deep convection during the afternoon
- Contributed to an effort of fostering regional climate modeling at high numerical resolution

2009 - 2012 **Ph.D. thesis research**, *Institute for Atmospheric and Climate Science*
ETH Zurich
Advisor: Prof. Christoph Schär

- Demonstrated that bulk properties related to several clouds converge at grid spacings of about 1 km
- This finding enhances the credibility of regional climate simulations with such fine numerical grids
- Showed numerical and theoretical evidence for a sensitivity of rainfall to numerical low-pass filtering

2008 **M.S. thesis research**, *Institute of Meteorology and Geophysics*
University of Innsbruck
Advisor: Prof. Alexander Gohm

- Explored organized convective structures during an Alpine heavy precipitation event
- Suggested a weakening mechanism for squall lines if advected parallel to mountain ridges
- Explored the sensitivity of modeled precipitation to microphysical parameterizations in WRF

Publications

Articles in preparation

- **Langhans, W.**, and Romps, D. M., 2015: The origin of water-vapor rings in tropical cold pools.

Articles in review

- Prein, A., **Langhans, W.**, and others, 2015: Convection permitting climate modeling: Demonstrations, prospects, and challenges. *Rev. Geophys.*
- Hassanzadeh, H., Schmidli, J., **Langhans, W.**, Schlemmer, L., and Schär, C., 2015: Impact of topography on diurnal cycle of summertime moist convection in idealized simulations. *Meteorol. Z.*

Refereed Articles

- **Langhans, W.**, Yeo, K., and Romps, D. M., 2015: Lagrangian investigation of the precipitation efficiency of convective clouds. *J. Atmos. Sci.*, doi: http://dx.doi.org/10.1175/JAS-D-14-0159.1.
- Froidevaux, P., Schlemmer, L., Schmidli, J., **Langhans, W.**, and Schär, C., 2014: Influence of the background wind on the local soil moisture-precipitation feedback. *J. Atmos. Sci.*, 71, 782–799.
- **Langhans, W.**, Schmidli, J., Fuhrer, O., Bieri, S., and Schär, C., 2013: Long-term simulations of thermally-driven flows and orographic convection at convection-parameterizing and cloud-resolving resolutions. *J. Appl. Clim. and Meteorol.*, 52, 1490–1510.
- **Langhans, W.**, Schmidli, J., and Schär, C., 2012: Bulk convergence of kilometer-scale simulations of moist convection over complex terrain. *J. Atmos. Sci.*, 69, 2207–2228.
- **Langhans, W.**, Schmidli, J., and Schär, C., 2012: Mesoscale impacts of explicit numerical diffusion in a convection-permitting model. *Mon. Wea. Rev.*, 140, 226–244.
- **Langhans, W.**, Gohm, A., and Zängl, G., 2011: The orographic impact on patterns of embedded convection during the August 2005 Alpine flood. *Quart. J. Roy. Meteorol. Soc.*, 137, 2092-2105.
- Hohenegger, C., Walser, A., **Langhans, W.**, and Schär, C., 2008: Cloud-resolving ensemble simulations of the August 2005 Alpine flood. *Quart. J. Roy. Meteorol. Soc.*, 134, 889–904.

Non-refereed Publications

- **Langhans, W.**, Schmidli, J., and Szintai, B., 2012: A Smagorinsky-Lilly turbulence closure for COSMO-LES: Implementation and comparison to ARPS. *COSMO newsletter*, No. 12, 20-31 [available online at `www.cosmo-model.org/content/model/documentation/newsLetters/newsLetter12/`].
- **Langhans, W.**, Fuhrer, O., and Schmidli, J., 2012: Description and application of a budget diagnosis tool in COSMO. *COSMO newsletter*, No. 12, 43-51 [available online at `www.cosmo-model.org/content/model/documentation/newsLetters/newsLetter12/`].
- **Langhans, W.**, 2011: Towards kilometer scale climate modeling. *C2SM newsletter*, No. 5, 4 [available online at `www.c2sm.ethz.ch/news/letter/C2SM_Newsletter_5_March_2011.pdf`].

Teaching experience

Department of Earth & Planetary Science, University of California, Berkeley

2013 **Discussion leader**, *Pizza, Beer, & Thermodynamics (PBT)*

- **Established and coordinated exercise sessions** with $\sim$ 5 advanced MS and BA students
- Managed blackboard sessions and provided solutions to practice problems taken from K. Emanuel's book on atmospheric convection

Institute for Atmospheric and Climate Science, ETH Zurich

2010-2011 **Teaching assistant**, *Numerical prediction of weather and climate* (Prof. C. Schär)

- **Delivered weekly tutorial classes** on modeling of flow over mountains for $\sim$25 MS-level students during two semesters
- Covered application of discretizations and interpretation of results, assisted with Matlab exercises
- Provided weekly drop-in hours to answer questions on lecture and tutorial

2009-2011 **Teaching assistant**, *Boundary Layer Meteorology & Air Pollution Modeling* (Prof. M. Rotach/Dr. J. Schmidli)

- **Acted as substitute lecturer** for $\sim$ 20 MS-level students to teach the budget of turbulent kinetic energy and turbulent closures
- Assisted in designing assignments and provided weekly drop-in hours to answer questions

Institute of Meteorology and Geophysics, University of Innsbruck

2008 **Teaching assistant**, *Geophysical Fluid Dynamics* (Priv.-Doz. Dr. H. Weber)

- **Delivered tutorial** for $\sim$ 25 MS-level students to deepen concepts such as vorticity, Euler equation, etc., and graded assignments

Teaching assistant, *Theoretical Meteorology* (Priv.-Doz. Dr. H. Weber)

- **Delivered tutorial** for $\sim$ 25 BA-level students and assisted with practice problems such as geostrophic flow, baroclinic instability, etc., and graded assignments

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Mentoring experience

Insitute for Atmospheric and Climate Science, ETH Zurich

2012-present **Ph.D. thesis co-advisor**, *Hanieh Hassanzadeh*

- Topic: Idealized simulations of orographic precipitation in diurnal equilibrium
- She received an award for best oral presentation at an international conference (ICAM 2013)
- First publication submitted, others in preparation

2013 **M.S. thesis co-advisor**, *Paul Froidevaux*

- Topic: Local soil-moisture precipitation feedbacks
- His research got published in J. Atmos. Sci.
- He is now a PhD candidate at University of Bern

2011 **M.S. thesis co-advisor**, *Susanne Bieri*

- Topic: Evaluation of valley winds and convective precipitation as simulated with COSMO
- Her thesis work [pdf] contributed to a publication
- Received M.S. degree and now employed at an environmental monitoring company

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Teaching training

2014 - Intensive course on evidence-based teaching, Postdoc Teaching Opportunities Program (PTOP), Berkeley, CA

Additional professional training

2011 - Parallel Programming Summer School at the Swiss Center for Scientific Computing, Manno, Switzerland

2010 - ECMWF training course *Numerical methods and adiabatic formulation of models*, Reading, UK

- Took classes *Turbulent Flows* (Prof. Kleiser) and *Turbulence Modeling* (Prof. Jenny), Institute of Fluid Dynamics, ETH Zurich

2009 - COSMO training course on *Model dynamics and physics*, Langen, Germany

2008 - 8th International NCCR Climate Summer School *Climate variability, forcings, feedbacks and responses: the long-term perspective*, Grindelwald, Switzerland

- ECMWF training course *Parameterizations of diabatic processes*, Reading, UK
- AMS/COMET/MSC Mountain Weather Workshop *Bridging the gag between Research and Forecast*, Whistler, Canada

2007 - COPS summer school *Convective and Orographically-induced Precipitation Study*, Black Forest, Germany
- Internship under the guidance of Dr. Daniela Jacob at MPI on *Intercomparison of ECHAM5 and REMO simulations*, Hamburg, Germany
- Internship under the guidance of Dr. Cathy Hohenegger at ETH on *Dynamical aspects of the August 2005 Alpine flood*, Zurich, Switzerland

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Community service and outreach

Service and outreach

06/2014-present - Organizer of the weekly seminar series of the Climate Department at LBNL (with program heads Bill Collins and Margaret Torn)

09/2014-present - Collaboration with California Academy of Sciences: Helped animating a cumulus cloud (cloud-drop perspective) for their planetarium

10/2013 - Scientist in NOVA-LABS's cloud lab: Online Q&A with students and other participants [`pbs.org/wgbh/nova/labs/`]

06/2012 - Interview for ETH Globe on "Gewitter im Rechner" (thunderstorm in a computer): *ETH Globe*, No. 2, pp. 26-28 [pdf available online (in German)]

2007 - Informative talk for prospective university students at Chiemgau-Gymnasium Traunstein (German equivalent to high-school) on studying meteorology

Review activity

- Quarterly Journal of the Royal Meteorological Society
- Climate Dynamics
- Geophysical Research Letters
- Advances in Science and Research

Membership

- American Meteorological Society
- American Geophysical Union
- Climate Limited-area Modeling (CLM) Community [www.clm-community.eu]

Awards

- Best Poster Award, 31th International Conference on Alpine Meteorology, Aviemore, Scotland, 2011
- European Meteorological Society Youth Scientist Travel Award, AMS Mountain Meteorology, Whistler, 2008

Seminars and conference talks

- Hassanzadeh, H., Schmidli, J., **Langhans, W.**, and Schär, C.: Far- and near-field influence of a mesoscale mountain on the diurnal cycle of summertime moist convection. 16th AMS Conference on Mountain Meteorology, 2014, San Diego, USA
- **Langhans, W.**, Yeo, K., and Romps, D. M.: Lagrangian investigation of the water processing by cumulus clouds. HOT Seminar Max-Planck Institute, 2014, Hamburg, Germany **(invited)**
- **Langhans, W.**, Yeo, K., Romps, D. M.: Lagrangian investigation of the precipitation efficiency of convective clouds. 31st AMS Conference on Hurricanes and Tropical Meteorology, 2014, San Diego, USA
- **Langhans, W.**, Yeo, K., and Romps, D. M.: Precipitation efficiency of cumulus clouds studied using a stochastic Lagrangian water-particle framework. ASR Science Team Meeting, 2014, Potomac, USA
- Schmidli, J., **Langhans, W.**, Fuhrer, O., Bieri, S., and Schär, C.: Evaluation of thermally driven flows and orographic convection at cloud-resolving resolutions. AGU, 2013, San Francisco, USA
- **Langhans, W.**, Yeo, K., Romps, D. M.: Tracking water using stochastic Lagrangian particles. LBNL Climate Sciences Department Seminar, 2013, Berkeley, USA (**invited**)
- **Langhans, W.**, Schmidli, J., and Schär, C.: Bulk convergence of cloud-resolving simulations of diurnal moist convection over complex terrain. European Geosciences Union General Assembly, 2013, Vienna, Austria
- Schär, C., **Langhans, W.**, Schmidli, J., and Nikolina, B.: Do cloud-resolving climate models converge? 5th International Workshop on Cloud-Resolving Global Modelling, 2012, Schloss Ringberg, Germany
- Nikolina, B., Schmidli, J., **Langhans, W.**, and Schär, C.: Evaluation of a 10-year cloud-resolving climate simulation driven by ERA-Interim, 2012, AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- Schmidli, J., Nikolina, B., **Langhans, W.**, and Schär, C.: Cloud-resolving climate change scenarios: Challenges and first results. 1st International Conference on Frontiers in Computational Physics: Modeling the Earth System, 2012, Boulder, CO
- **Langhans, W.**: Numerical weather prediction: Factors governing convergence. Computational Science and Engineering ETH, 2012, Zurich, Switzerland **(invited)**
- **Langhans, W.**, Schmidli, J., and Schär, C.: Multiscale aspects of cloud-resolving simulations over complex terrain, Federal Office of Meteorology and Climatology MeteoSwiss, 2012, Zurich, Switzerland **(invited)**
- Hassanzadeh, H., Schmidli, J., **Langhans, W.**, and Schär, C.: Mountain size and atmospheric conditions' impact on the diurnal cycle of clouds and precipitation. 10th Swiss Geoscience Meeting, 2012, Bern, Switzerland
- Hassanzadeh, H., Schmidli, J., **Langhans, W.**, and Schär, C.: Sensitivity of the diurnal cycle of moist convection to terrain geometry. CLM-Community Assembly, 2012, Leuven, Belgium
- **Langhans, W.**, Schmidli, J., and Schär, C.: Bulk convergence of kilometer-scale simulations of moist convection over complex terrain. 31th International Conference on Alpine Meteorology, 2011, Aviemore, Scotland
- **Langhans, W.**, Schmidli, J., and Schär, C.: Bulk convergence of kilometer-scale simulations of moist convection over complex terrain. 9th International SRNWP-Workshop on Nonhydrostatic Modelling, 2011, Bad Orb, Germany
- **Langhans, W.**, Schmidli, J., and Schär, C.: Horizontal resolution in a convection-permitting model: Convergence of bulk flow properties over complex terrain. 14th AMS Conference on Mountain Meteorology, 2010, Squaw Valley, CA
- **Langhans, W.**, Schmidli, J., and Schär, C.: Horizontal resolution in a convection-permitting model: Convergence of bulk flow properties over complex terrain. 10th EMS Annual Meeting, 2010, Zurich, Switzerland
- **Langhans, W.**, Schmidli, J., and Schär, C.: Mesoscale impacts of explicit numerical diffusion in a convection-permitting model. European Geosciences Union General Assembly, 2010, Vienna, Austria
- **Langhans, W.**, Schmidli, J., and Schär, C.: Convection-permitting simulations using explicit numerical diffusion. 8th International SRNWP-Workshop on Nonhydrostatic Modelling, 2009, Bad Orb, Germany

Conference posters

- **Langhans, W.**, and Romps, D. M.: The origin of water-vapor rings in tropical cold pools. AGU, 2014, San Francisco, USA
- **Langhans, W.**, Yeo, K., and Romps, D. M.: A new framework to study convective transport of non-conserved quantities using stochastic Lagrangian particles. AGU, 2013, San Francisco, USA
- **Langhans, W.**, Bieri, S., Schmidli, J., and Schär, C.: Observations and numerical simulations of Alpine pumping and its interaction with moist convection. 31th International Conference on Alpine Meteorology, 2011, Aviemore, Scotland
- **Langhans, W.**, Schmidli, J., and Schär, C.: Kilometer-scale simulations of Alpine summertime convection. CLM-Community Assembly, 2009, Karlsruhe, Germany
- **Langhans, W.**, Gohm, A., and Zängl, G.: The orographic impact on patterns of embedded convection during the August 2005 Alpine flood. 30th International Conference on Alpine Meteorology, 2009, Rastatt, Germany
- **Langhans, W.**, Gohm, A., and Zängl, G.: Numerical sensitivity study of August 2005 Alpine flood. 13th AMS Conference on Mountain Meteorology, 2008, Whistler, Canada

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